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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18 and 19 remain pending in this application.
Claims 1-17 have been canceled without prejudice or
disclaimer.

Information Disclosure Statement

On May 4, 2004, Applicants filed an Information
Disclosure Statement. However, the Examiner has not returned
an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly,
Applicants request the Examiner initial and return a copy of
the attached PTO-1449 Form to indicate that the documents have
been considered.

35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claims 1, 7-13 and 15-17 has been
rendered moot in light of new claims 18 and 19.

35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 1-7, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35
U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Stimson et al (U.S.
Patent No. 5,511,114) Claims 8, 9 and 15 stand rejected under

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35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stimson et al.
Finally, claims 10 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.
§103(a) as being unpatentable over Stimson et al in view of
Cohen (U.S. Patent No. 6,422,462). These rejections are
traversed as follows.

According to the present invention, the service provision
device receives, as a payment method for the prescribed
products, the choice of online slips or ID numbers that are to
be displayed on the information terminal device. The service
provision device transmits the ID number of the online slip to
a settlement authentication device when the service provision
device receives the online slip as the choice of payment
method for the prescribed product. The ID number is
transmitted and displayed on the information terminal device
and the settlement authentication device when the service
provision device receives the ID number. The settlement
terminal device reads the ID number recorded on the online
slip and performs settlement. This structure enables the
present invention to make it possible for customers to choose
a preferable payment method depending upon their environment
at the time of purchase. Therefore, even if a customer does
not have a printer, he or she can choose a payment method

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using an ID number that is to be displayed on an information terminal device. In other words, it is unnecessary to write down numbers by hand as in Stimson et al.

The deficiencies in Stimson et al are not overcome by resort to Cohen. Therefore, it is submitted that the pending claims patentably define the present invention over the cited art.


Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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